



Graduate Survey *

Bachelors Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2002

811 Respondents (47% Response Rate)

Employment

1.) What main activities are you engaged in at the present time? (mark all that apply) (yes = marked; no = not marked)

	Yes	N	No	N	
52%	421	48%	390	Employed 35 or more hours per week	
6%	50	94%	761	Employed in full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)	
20%	162	80%	649	Employed less than 35 hours per week	
16%	128	84%	683	Actively seeking full-time employment	
30%	240	70%	570	Enrolled in an educational institution	
6%	51	94%	760	Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing	
4%	32	96%	779	Managing home, rearing your children, or voluntarily unemployed	
9%	73	91%	738	Other, please describe: _____	

2.) Which one of the above (Question 1) is your **principle activity**? Please mark the corresponding letter that best describes your principal activity at the current time.

	N	
50%	401	Employed 35 or more hours per week
3%	26	Employed in full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
7%	60	Employed less than 35 hours per week
9%	69	Actively seeking full-time employment
22%	178	Enrolled in an educational institution
3%	20	Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
2%	17	Managing home, rearing your children, or voluntarily unemployed
5%	39	Other, please describe: _____
missing	1	
total	811	

3.) What are your plans for future educational activities? (mark all that apply)

	Yes	N	No	N	
12%	97	88%	714	I do not plan to go to school again	
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:					
22%	181	78%	630	Taking interesting classes	
19%	155	81%	656	Acquiring job skills	
11%	91	89%	720	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation	
21%	171	79%	640	Obtaining a teaching credential	
4%	35	96%	776	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree	
54%	440	46%	371	Obtaining a master's degree	
15%	124	85%	687	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)	
4%	28	97%	783	Other: please describe: _____	

4.) When you chose your major, how strongly did you expect to obtain a job directly related to it?

N	
58%	473
31%	247
11%	90
missing	1
total	811

Very strongly

Somewhat strongly

Not strongly at all

IF YOU ARE NOT EMPLOYED, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION #17 ON THE LAST PAGE.

5.) What is your current job title?

N	
Teachers & Instructors, All Other	8.4% 49
Managers, All Other	7.1% 41
Executive Secretaries & Admin Assist.	4.1% 24
Registered Nurses	2.9% 17
Engineers, All Other	2.6% 15
Sales Rep., Services, All Other	2.6% 15
Retail Salesperson	2.2% 13
Accountants and Auditors	1.7% 10
Sales and Related Workers, All Other	1.7% 10
Graduate Teaching Assistant	1.6% 9
Firstline Sup.-Manager of Retail Sales	1.6% 9
Customer Service Representatives	1.4% 8
Medical Assistants	1.2% 7
Bartenders	1.2% 7
Construction Managers	1.0% 6

N	
Accountants	1.0% 6
Computer Software Eng., Applications	0.9% 5
Counselors, All Other	0.9% 5
Social Workers, All Other	0.9% 5
Preschool Teachers, Except Sp. Ed.	0.9% 5
Graphic Designers	0.9% 5
Receptionists and Information Clerks	0.9% 5
Probation/Correc. Treatment Specialists	0.7% 4
Waiters and Waitresses	0.7% 4
Child Care Workers	0.7% 4
Firstline Sup-Mgrs of Office-Admin.	0.7% 4
Office and Admin. Support Workers	0.7% 4
Agricultural Workers, All Other	0.7% 4
missing	231
total	580

6.) Which factors listed below do you believe were most important in assisting you to find your present job? (mark all that apply) (yes = marked; no = not marked)

Yes	N	No	N	
15%	119	85%	692	Above average G.P.A.
38%	309	62%	502	Academic major
2%	14	98%	797	Double major
4%	28	97%	783	Competence in foreign language
14%	115	86%	696	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
8%	62	92%	749	Competence in mathematics (e.g., arithmetic, statistics)
21%	171	79%	640	Competence in computers (e.g., utilization, programming)
42%	344	58%	467	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
12%	97	88%	714	An effective job search campaign
14%	115	86%	696	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
48%	390	52%	421	Personality or interpersonal skills
21%	166	80%	645	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
9%	71	91%	740	Other; please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
52%	314	Business or industry
10%	60	Government agency (not in education)
20%	117	Educational institution
9%	54	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
3%	15	Self-employed
7%	39	Other; please describe: _____
missing	212	
total	811	

8.) What was your starting monthly salary before deductions? (all respondents)

\$2,106	Mean starting monthly salary
\$1,253	Standard Deviation
541	N
270	Missing
811	Total

Starting monthly salary: principal activity-employed 35+ hrs/week

\$2,475	Mean starting monthly salary
\$1,178	Standard Deviation
371	N
440	Missing
811	Total

9.) Were you working at your present job before you completed your most recent degree?

N		
28%	170	Yes
72%	432	No
missing	209	
total	811	

10.) To what extent is your job related to your major field of study?

N		
44%	264	Directly related
28%	168	Somewhat related
29%	174	Not related at all
missing	205	
total	811	

11.) If your job is not "directly related" to your major field (i.e., "somewhat related" or "not related at all" was marked in Question 10 above), what was your main reason for taking it? (mark only one)

N		
21%	69	Could not find a job in my field
8%	25	Better pay than a job in my field
5%	17	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
8%	27	To see if I liked this kind of work
4%	14	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
4%	12	Geographical location appealed to me
23%	77	Best opportunity among available jobs
27%	89	Other; please describe: _____
missing	481	
total	811	

12.) What level of education was required for your present job?

N		
0%	2	Master's degree
49%	295	Bachelor's degree
21%	124	Some college
30%	183	No college required
missing	207	
total	811	

13.) To what extent do you feel that your present job contributes to attaining your career goals?

N		
52%	315	A great deal
30%	178	Somewhat
18%	108	Not at all
missing	210	
total	811	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
94%	566	California
6%	33	Another state or U.S. possession
1%	5	Another country
missing	207	
total	811	

15.) How satisfied are you with your ability to work in a diverse and multicultural workplace?

N		
3%	19	Not very satisfied
27%	162	Pretty satisfied
70%	421	Completely satisfied
missing	209	
total	811	

16.) Did you perform community service while you were enrolled at CSU, Chico?

N		
51%	409	Yes
49%	394	No
missing	8	
total	811	

If "Yes," number of MONTHS you performed community service?

12.9	Mean months
12.3	Standard Dev.
384	N
427	Missing
811	Total

If "Yes," average hours per week you performed community service.

N		
44%	173	1-2 hours per week
26%	102	3-4 hours per week
12%	47	5-6 hours per week
7%	27	7-8 hours per week
5%	20	9-10 hours per week
3%	10	11-15 hours per week
1%	5	16-20 hours per week
3%	10	More than 20 hours per week
missing	417	
total	811	

Educational Satisfaction

Please rate your satisfaction with the following items. Leave blank any of the items you considered unimportant in regard to your educational plans.

Not very satisfied		Pretty satisfied		Completely satisfied		
%	N	%	N	%	N	
9%	60	60%	380	31%	195	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
12%	72	56%	348	33%	206	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
6%	41	51%	355	43%	296	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
12%	74	48%	307	40%	256	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in some professional/scientific/scholarly field.
21%	136	42%	277	37%	246	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
3%	20	36%	286	61%	481	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
1%	9	30%	236	69%	537	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
2%	16	31%	225	67%	496	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
2%	11	29%	216	69%	509	25.) Your ability to do university work.
3%	26	42%	327	55%	433	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
15%	116	46%	357	39%	305	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
10%	77	45%	343	45%	346	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
4%	35	33%	262	63%	503	29.) Your major course of study.
6%	48	40%	316	55%	436	30.) The quality of your degree program.
3%	27	51%	405	46%	365	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
13%	94	51%	385	36%	274	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
12%	88	54%	388	34%	243	33.) The technology learning environment.
14%	114	39%	311	47%	370	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
20%	115	48%	276	32%	186	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
42%	180	42%	179	16%	67	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
40%	166	39%	159	21%	88	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
23%	164	47%	343	30%	220	38.) Academic advising.
4%	30	32%	257	64%	513	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
3%	23	30%	236	68%	540	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
9%	68	39%	309	52%	414	41.) In general, the way you are spending your life these days?

* Approximately five months after graduation the annual Graduate Survey is mailed to the previous semester's spring graduates. Overall, the survey response rate for spring 2002 was 47%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.